



Muzzle Loaders Associations Scandinavian Committee (MLASC)

Constitution, rules and regulations

These rules are based on the rules dated July 8th 1998 and subsequent adjustments, and will replace these. The Executive board of the Norwegian Black Powder Union (NSU) put this version together. It is based on version 1.3 and the minutes from the Coordination Meetings in 2013 and 2014. This background documentation is also available on the web page of NSU (www.norsksvartkruttunion.no).

These regulations will be updated with a new version number and the new regulations, as they are decided upon at the annual “Coordination Meetings” of the MLASC.

General:

- a.* The Nordic Championship (NC) shall, if possible, be conducted each year. The arrangement of the NC rotates between the four memberships countries in MLASC. The rotation is as follows: Denmark, Sweden, Finland and Norway.
- b.* At each NC a “coordination meeting” (CM) will be conducted. This meeting is to be arranged on Friday at 20:00.
- c.* Items to be discussed include the upcoming championship and the future rules and regulations for the NC.
- d.* Items of discussion at the CM shall be submitted in writing to the secretary of the MLASC at least two – 2 – months prior to the next meeting.
- e.* The arranger of the Nordic Championship should provide the secretarial functions. The secretary does not have a voting right at the CM. The secretary shall provide written minutes from the CM within two months of the meeting. At the same time, he shall distribute the upgraded version of the MLASC constitution if the CM has altered the constitution. Neither the minutes or any changes to the Nordic Constitution are activated until each country that participated at the CM has accepted the wordings in these documents.
- f.* The MLASC chairman is elected for duration of one -1- year. The chairman shall represent the country that will arrange the next NC.
- g.* The next arranger of the NC shall send an invitation to the other countries not later than November 1st the preceding year.
- h.* Each participating country shall submit the following information to the arranging country at least two – 2 – months prior to the championship: Two persons that will represent the country at the CM (this information should also be sent to the secretary), two persons that will participate in the firearms control committee and two persons that will help with the target judging.
- i.* The Jury shall consist of one member from each country. The member representing the country that delivers a complaint will not have voting rights in that matter.

- j.* The jury at the MLASC events shall only evaluate the targets that are involved in a dispute over the score.
- k.* English is the official written language of MLASC. In case of conflict between the local and the English version, the English version shall prevail.
- l.* Any alterations of the shooting regulations will be activated the following season.

Regulations:

The NC is conducted according to the technical regulations of the MLAIC, with exceptions being the following adjustments:

- m.* Changes in the MLASC constitution can be done using e-mails when all four countries agreed to a proposed change. Any changes in the shooting events must be published on the national web-sites/magazines by January 1st. This in order to give the future competitors enough time to adjust their shooting concepts.
- n.* The arranging nation is at liberty to include a trial event in the championship. No medals should be awarded in the trial event, only standard trophies according to the general rules of the Nordic championship.
- o.* At least 5 participants must take part in order for a class to be official. If the conditions for an O-event are not met, those participants will be transferred to the R-event. Each shooter shall receive a confirmation of his participation well in advance of the championship.
- p.* There is no upper limit to the number of participants in any event.
- q.* Family members can use the same weapon in the same event. The participant shall inform the arranging committee when applying for participation if several people are going to use the same weapon.
- r.* The MLASC competitions welcome shooters with needs for special modifications for shooting positions. A request for special modifications should be forwarded to the CM by the team leader.
- s.* Both sitting and kneeling positions are accepted as equal to the traditional prone position in MLASC competitions. Definition of sitting position: *It is permitted to rest the elbows on both legs.* The upper arm must not rest against the chest. There must be a visible clearance between the upper arm and chest.
- t.* Participants in the team events must be declared at least one – 1 – week prior to the competition. The general rule is that each country can participate with two teams in each team-event and a minimum of two countries must take part in the team event in order to award medals. Deviations from this rule are at the grace of the CM.
- u.* A team can only consist of participants from one Nordic country.
- v.* A mixture of original and replica weapons can be used in each team event.
- w.* The MLAIC safety regulations, in English, shall be posted at all shooting ranges. The range officers may have copies of the national translations of these safety regulations.
- x.* At 100-meter ranges it is allowed to use shooting benches for prone position. In cases where the shooting ranges do not have such shooting benches, the competitor may bring his own shooting bench. It is the individual competitor's responsibility to communicate this with the arranging shooting range and ensure that the shooting bench is safe to use.

Competition events:

- y.* Any MLAIC events newer than 2009 have to be approved by the CM. The arranging country can remove the shotgun events (Manton and Lorenzoni) if the facilities do not permit these.
- z.* All MLAIC team events are open for competition except Nagashino.
- aa.* It is the responsibility of the competitor to provide documentation that the weapon/ammunition is of a historically correct model, if any doubt arises.
- bb.* Special Scandinavian events:

Remington Rifle 90

Individual event, original (O) only.

Weapon: original cartridge or chamber loaded, originally manufactured for black powder and lead bullet.

Sights: open, contemporary and historically correct, used at the time of manufacturing the weapon.

Distance: 100 meters.

Position: prone.

Target: ISSF 50 meters Pistol target.

Caliber: free, but contemporary black powder cartridge.

Bullet: contemporary, full lead, cannellores or paper patched.

Charge: black powder only.

General: Events 90 and 91 can be shot at the same time or separately depending on the competition's organizer. A shooter can participate in both events (90 and 91). The organizer of the NC can, however, limit the participation of the shooters to either event 90 or event 91, if there are space limitations on the range.

Remington Match 91

Individual event, replica (R) or original (O).

Weapon: original cartridge or chamber loaded or reproduction of these respectively, originally manufactured for black powder and lead bullet.

Sights: also diopter sights allowed, contemporary and historically correct, used at the time of manufacturing the original model.

Distance: 100 meters.

Position: prone.

Target: ISSF 50 meters Pistol target.

Caliber: free, but contemporary black powder cartridge.

Bullet: contemporary, full lead, cannellores or paper patched.

Charge: black powder only.

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Remington Team event

Name: Nordic Cup.

Competitors: 3 competitors, one representing event 91 and two event 90, or all representing event 90.

Smith & Wesson (this event is a mixed replica and original) 93

Weapon: rifled original cartridge revolver or a replica thereof that is made for black powder and lead bullets.

Sights: contemporary design. No micrometer-sight allowed.

Distance: 25 meters.

Position: standing, holding the revolver with one hand.

Target: ISSF 50 meters Pistol target.

Caliber: free, but contemporary black powder cartridge.

Bullet: contemporary lead.

Charge: black powder only.

Loading: according to the MLAIC regulations for the events Mariette and Colt.

Smith & Wesson Team event

Name: Scandinavian Cup

Competitors: 3 competitors, mixed original and replica.

Nr. 101 - Husqvarna

Individual event, original (O) only.

Weapon: Single- or double-barreled shot gun having external manually operated hammers. Pump shotguns, semi-automatic or lever action shotguns are not permitted. Production date of the gun must be prior to 1957. Pinfire shotguns are permitted.

Barrel: At least 65 cm. Choked barrels permitted. No interchangeable chokes can be used.

Caliber: As in Lorenzoni and Manton. Maximum caliber 11.

Cartridge: Paper or brass. Wads cannot be of plastic or other modern materials.

Charge: As allowed in Lorenzoni and Manton.

Other regulations: As allowed in Lorenzoni and Manton.

Husqvarna Team event

Name: Kongsberg.

Competitors: 3 competitors.

Nr. 102. Jarmann

Individual event, replica (R) or original (O).

Weapon: Cartridge rifle. Single shot or repeating rifle, in unchanged historically copy or original, as originally made for black powder and lead projectiles. Minor inner changes for safety reasons are allowed. No shooting jackets allowed.

Target: ISSF 50 meter pistol target.

Caliber: Free, but only black powder cartridge.

Position: Standing.

Distance: 50 meter.

Loading: Single shot or Magazine. Cleaning between shots is allowed

Special gun regulations:

cc. The use of the Springfield Trap Door Buffington rear sight can be used as long as the lower diopter-like hole is covered.

Awards:

dd. All the participants in the NC shall receive a participation diploma.

ee. Medals are awarded to the three – 3 – best competitors in the individual events and the 2-3 best teams.

ff. The upper ¼ of the participants in each individual event shall receive a prize. A limit of 20 competitors in each individual event may be placed on those awarded prizes.